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FROM LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.

CAMP ON LOYAL HANNON Sepr. 14th 1758

SIR,

This is brought to Raystown Camp, by a detachmt. of Invalids from the Troops on their side the mountains —

In primeval times, you remember our state of provisions at Gists house, from that you can judge of present Circumstances —

To testify our Inclination to post the service we have sent down our Own horses to Raystown for a supply —

You can judge how much that will Avail —

Majr. Grant march'd the Eight with a Chosen detachmt. of 800 including Officers. — In three days we Expect interesting Advice from him.

The Enemy have evacuated Venango, & the Fort on the head of Riviere de Beuf —

The Genls Indisposition prevented his Answering the Sollicitations made him to determine the dispute Sr John St Clair as Qr Mr Genl & I, had about Command; & Col Bouquet has therefore ordered me to take upon Me the Command of the Detachmt. again; promising

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that, as far as depends on him; it shall not prevent redress for any Insult offer'd me or the Gentlemen under my Command — It is a doubt with me whether it is necessary to send up the Cloaths or not — I am with respect

Sir, your most Obt hubl Sert. ADAM STEPHEN